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APPENDIX H

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating

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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of

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assignment to appropriate calendar.		
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Address of Defendant: 6150 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis	s, MO 63139	
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I, Thomas F. Sacchetta, Esquire	, counsel of record do hereby certify:	
Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)( exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and c		f, the damages recoverable in this civil action case
$\square$ Relief other than monetary damages is sought.		
DATE:	Thomas F. Sacchetta, Esquire	
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APPENDIX I

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

### CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JACK GORMAN, DPM : 399 North York Road : Warminster, PA 18974 :

Plaintiff

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v.

ALLEN JACOBS, DPM : 6150 Oakland Avenue : St. Louis, MO 63139 :

Defendant

### CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT DEFAMATION

AND NOW, comes the plaintiff, Jack Gorman, DPM, by and through his attorney, Thomas F. Sacchetta, Esquire, and respectfully represents as follows:

#### JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT

1. This court has jurisdiction as the amount in controversy exceeds Seventy-five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, exclusive of interest and costs, and the defendant is of diverse citizenship. Plaintiff is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and defendant is a citizen of the State of Missouri. The subject incident, out of which this claim arises, occurred in Pennsylvania.

#### **PARTIES**

- Plaintiff, Jack Gorman, DPM, is an adult individual and a citizen of the
   Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with an address located at 399 North York Road, Warminster,
   Pennsylvania 18974. At all times relevant hereto, Jack Gorman, DPM has been a private figure.
  - 3. Defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM, is an adult individual and a citizen of the State of

Missouri with an address located at 6150 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63139 and is the publisher of the defamatory statements giving rise to this action.

#### **VENUE**

- 4. Defendant has caused harm and tortiuos injury by his acts in the Commonwealth, to wit, by publishing and disseminating defamatory statements in Pennsylvania and by other conduct which occurred in Pennsylvania.
- 5. Venue is proper in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania inasmuch as the transaction or occurrence out of which plaintiff's cause of action arises, to wit, the defendant's publication and dissemination of false and defamatory statements about Jack Gorman, DPM, took place in Pennsylvania.

#### **FACTS**

- defamatory statements published by defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM, on September 3, 2007 by way of "PM News". The statements published by defendant assert the following: "Once the 'experts' such as Drs. Gorman, Boc, etc. are cited for the failure to provide truthful testimony, they will be finished as experts, as every subsequent deposition and courtroom testimony will include a history of being cited for untruthful testimony. In addition, there is always the possibility of loss of ACFAS fellowship status or better yet, ABPS diplomate status for unethical behavior. Even a letter of condemnation or warning from such organizations would provide the jury with a true picture of the 'expert'."
- 7. The statements imply, among other things, that plaintiff was willing to travel anywhere and say anything to support frivolous claims in court and under testimony and subject

to perjury and is unethical in his behavior. These statements were false and were made by defendant negligently, recklessly and/or with constitutional malice and an intent to harm plaintiff. As a result of the publication of these false and defamatory statements, plaintiff's reputation and good name have been harmed and he has suffered other damage. Plaintiff seeks compensatory and punitive damages from the defendant.

8. Jack Gorman, DPM, is a licensed podiatrist licensed to practice podiatry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On or about September 3, 2007, defendant published the following: "Once the 'experts' such as Drs. Gorman, Boc, etc. are cited for the failure to provide truthful testimony, they will be finished as experts, as every subsequent deposition and courtroom testimony will include a history of being cited for untruthful testimony. In addition, there is always the possibility of loss of ACFAS fellowship status or better yet, ABPS diplomate status for unethical behavior. Even a letter of condemnation or warning from such organizations would provide the jury with a true picture of the 'expert'." A copy of the commentary is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A".

#### **COUNT I**

#### Plaintiff, Jack Gorman, DPM v. Allen Jacobs, DPM

#### INTENTIONAL DEFAMATION

- 9. The averments of paragraphs 1 through 8, inclusive, are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 10. Defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM, maliciously published and disseminated false and defamatory statements, assertions, suggestions, innuendoes and/or implications that, "Once the 'experts' such as Drs. Gorman, Boc, etc. are cited for the failure to provide truthful testimony,

they will be finished as experts, as every subsequent deposition and courtroom testimony will include a history of being cited for untruthful testimony. In addition, there is always the possibility of loss of ACFAS fellowship status or better yet, ABPS diplomate status for unethical behavior. Even a letter of condemnation or warning from such organizations would provide the jury with a true picture of the 'expert'."

- 11. The above statements, assertions, suggestions, innuendoes and/or implications maliciously and falsely state, imply and suggest as a fact, directly and by innuendo and inference that plaintiff acted criminally, unethically and/or improperly.
- 12. The above statements, assertions, suggestions, innuendoes and/or implications are false and were made by defendant maliciously and with knowledge of their falsity and/or with reckless disregard as to their truth or falsity.
- 13. The defendant aforementioned false and defamatory statements, assertions, suggestion, innuendoes and/or implications are false, defamatory and libelous *per se* in that they attribute immoral, unethical, improper and illegal conduct to the plaintiff, and further were made by defendant maliciously and with knowledge of their falsity and/or with reckless disregard as to their truth or falsity.
- 14. The aforementioned defamatory statements by defendant about plaintiff were published in the "PM News" a podiatrist news letter serving over 9,500 podiatrists daily.

#### **HARM**

15. The above mentioned false and defamatory statements, assertions, suggestions, innuendoes and implications about plaintiff have blackened plaintiff's reputation in his community, including the podiatrist community. Defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM, has exposed

plaintiff to public hatred, contempt and ridicule. Defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM, has falsely ascribed to plaintiff improper, immoral and illegal conduct, as well as (i) criminal behavior and (ii) a lack of decency, integrity and responsibility. As a result of the publication of these false and defamatory statements, plaintiff's reputation and good name have been harmed, he has been subjected to public hatred, contempt and ridicule and he has suffered other damage.

- 16. The false and defamatory statements, assertions, suggestions, innuendoes and implications published by defendant about plaintiff were published with knowledge of their falsity and/or with a malicious, intentional or reckless disregard for their truth or falsity, and with a malicious, intentional or reckless disregard for the injury which said statements, assertions, suggestions, innuendoes and implications would inflict on the good name and reputation of plaintiff.
- 17. Plaintiff is entitled to recover such damages as will compensate him for injury to his reputation as well as the embarrassment, humiliation and emotional distress resulting from the defendant's statements, assertions, suggestions, innuendoes and implications.
- 18. Defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM's malicious publication of the false and defamatory statements, assertions, suggestions, innuendoes and implications warrants an award of punitive or exemplary damages because defendant's conduct is in reckless disregard of plaintiff's interests and was malicious, outrageous and the result of improper motive.
- 19. Plaintiff is entitled to recover an award of punitive or exemplary damages as a result of the defendant's outrageous conduct and for the purpose of punishing defendant for malicious defamation and deterring him and others from the repetition of similar defamation in the future.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Jack Gorman, DPM, demands judgment in his favor and against defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM, and requests an award of compensatory damages in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, plus interest and costs, and further requests an award of punitive damages.

#### **COUNT II**

## Plaintiff, Jack Gorman, DPM v. Defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM NEGLIGENT DEFAMATION

- 20. The averments of paragraphs 1 through 19, inclusive, are incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein.
- 21. The above-mentioned statements, assertions, suggestions, innuendoes and/or implications are false and were made by defendant negligently, in that if the defendant had any source for the defamatory statements in the letter, defendant relied on a source who lacked any knowledge of the subject matter contained in the letter, and defendant failed to ascertain the basis of the source's alleged knowledge of the information contained in the letter.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Jack Gorman, DPM, demands judgment in his favor and against defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM, and requests an award of compensatory damages in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, plus interest and costs, and further requests an award of punitive damages.

#### **COUNT III**

# Plaintiff, Jack Gorman, DPM v. Defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM <u>FALSE LIGHT - INVASION OF PRIVACY</u>

- 22. The averments of paragraphs 1 through 21, inclusive, are incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein.
- 23. By the false, malicious, defamatory and libelous statements which have been set forth above, the defendant improperly depicted Jack Gorman, DPM, in a false public light.
- 24. Defendants statements, assertions, suggestions, innuendoes and implications regarding plaintiff have put plaintiff before the public in a false light that would be highly offensive to a reasonable person.
- 25. As a result of defendant statements, assertions, suggestions, innuendoes and implications, the defendant created the totally false impression that (i) plaintiff is unethical, untrustworthy, irrational, immoral and dishonest, and (ii) plaintiff has abused his position.
- 26. As a result of the depiction by defendant of plaintiff in a false public light, plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer all the injuries, damages and losses set forth above and incorporated herein by reference.
- 27. The false depiction by defendant of plaintiff was so extreme and outrageous as to warrant the imposition of punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Jack Gorman, DPM, demands judgment in his favor and against defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM, and requests an award of compensatory damages in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, plus interest and costs, and further requests an award of punitive damages.

#### **COUNT IV**

# Plaintiff, Jack Gorman, DPM v. Defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM <a href="INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS">INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS</a>

- 28. The averments of paragraphs 1 through 27, inclusive, are incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein.
- 29. Defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM, by his extreme and outrageous conduct has intentionally and/or recklessly caused severe emotional distress to Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Jack Gorman, DPM, demands judgment in his favor and against defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM, and requests an award of compensatory damages in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, plus interest and costs, and further requests an award of punitive damages.

#### **COUNT V**

# Plaintiff, Jack Gorman, DPM v. Defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM <u>NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS</u>

- 30. The averments of paragraphs 1 through 29, inclusive, are incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein.
- 31. Defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM, by his above referenced conduct, negligently caused severe emotional distress to plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Jack Gorman, DPM, demands judgment in his favor and against defendant, Allen Jacobs, DPM, and requests an award of compensatory damages in excess of

Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, plus interest and costs, and further requests an award of punitive damages.

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